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Hyderabad: Water drained from cellars floods new areas, ensues spats

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HYDERABAD: The rush of residents trying to pump out water from their cellars, led to yet another crisis in many areas: inundation of adjacent colonies and disputes among locals.

A quick scan by TOI showed that the water, though being pumped out onto the roads, drained into other localities as the natural natural passages — manholes and water channels (storm water drains and natural water channels) — were already overflowing.

The Golf View Apartment in Financial District, was a victim of this . Irked residents here are now planning to raise a complaint with authorities. “Though there’s hardly been any rainfall the last three days, our cellar is inundated because commercial establishments in the vicinity pumped water out on the roads and onto open lands. I am lodging a complaint with municipal authorities against them,” said A Narsimhan, president of the apartment.

In Domalguda too water pumped out from a four-storey building has flooded the cellars of other buildings and a slum located around 250 meters away.

“This is happening for five days and poor residents in low lying areas are suffering,” said Harish Daga, a civic activist. People

using the Banjara Hills main road- stretch connecting Road number 2 to Nagarjuna circle — also made a similar complaint against commercial establishments in the area.

“People seen draining out water like this can be penalised. So far, though, we have not received any complaint,” said Dr Ravi Kanth, GHMC assistant medical officer of health, Jubilee Hills.